making unscheduled emergency landing in wake of bomb threats in the month of January, 1989 ;

(b) what are the details and breakup of revenue loss suffered by Air India due to un-scheduled stop over; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to up-date screening and further strengthening of security arrangement on Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) In January, 1989 three flights of Air India starting from London made unscheduled landings due to bomb threat.

(b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Security arrangements in Air India are reviewed and up-dated continuously, keeping in view the latest developments.

Faulty construction of wiring of Boeing 737

949. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that faulty construction and wiring of Boeing 737 jets have led to fatal air crashes and engine drop outs in UK & USA ; and

(b) whether Government have ordered any inspection of its boeing fleet in light of recent engine malfunctions and air crashes, and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) M/s British Midland Airways Boeing-737-400 aircraft crashed half a mile short of East Midland Airport on 8th January, 1989. Consequent to the above accident, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued airworthiness directive for inspection of engine fire detection/extinguishing system of all Boeing model airplanes manufactured after 31st December, 1980.

A Starboard engine fell off a Piedmont Airlines Boeing 737 during take off from Chicago O'Hare Airport on 20th January, 1989. FAA has issued Airworthiness Directive which requires repetitive ultrasonic inspection for cracking of the aft mount cone bolt on Boeing 737 aircraft and also repetitive torque checks.

Tourist spots in Orissa

950. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of tourist spots in Orissa, with details of specialisation of these areas ;

(b) whether new tourist spots are proposed to be developed by the Central Government ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) to (c) Identification of tourist spots for development of tourism infrastructure, is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure at the identified tourist centres on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments. Whenever proposals for development of tourism infrastructure at new tourist

centres are received from the Govem-ment of Orissa, these will be considered by the Department of financial assistance subject to the potential of the place, existing infrastructure, existing and projected tourist traffic, availability of funds and inter-se priorities, etc.

Chinese stand regarding position of Sikkim in India

951. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR : SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in response to the Chinese concern about Tibet and the Tibetans' activities in India Government have assured China that India considered Tibet as an autonomous region of China and that no anti-Chinese activities in India by Tibetans would be permitt ed;

(b) whether in response to India's concern about China's non-accep tance of the accession of Sikkim to India, China responded reciprocally; if so, what are the reasons for which it has not been made public and if not, the reasons for which India did not insist for a reciprocal response; and

(c) what is the latest stand of China regarding the position of Sikkim in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) During the Prime Minister's visit to China the consi-stent stand of the Government of India that Tibet is an autonomous region of China, and that activities incompatible with that position are not permitted on Indian Soil was reiterated.

(b) and (c) Sikkim is an integral part of the Indian Union irrespective of any views held in this regard by another country. The Chinese Government have been made fully aware of the Government of India's stand on this subject.

Submission of project regarding Sports persons by Chief Minister of Kerala

952. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Kerala has submitted a project to the Prime Minister on creation of sports persons of international standard; and

(b) if so, what aie the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Report proposes selection of talented children at Panchayat, District and State levels and their intensive training on a scientific basis with the ultimate objective of preparing them for the Olympics and other international sports competitions. The Project period is envisaged to be 10 years and is estimated to cost Rs. 107.54 crores.

The Report has been received very recently.

Total number of staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

953. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Teaching, non-teaching and Headquarters' employees of Kendriya